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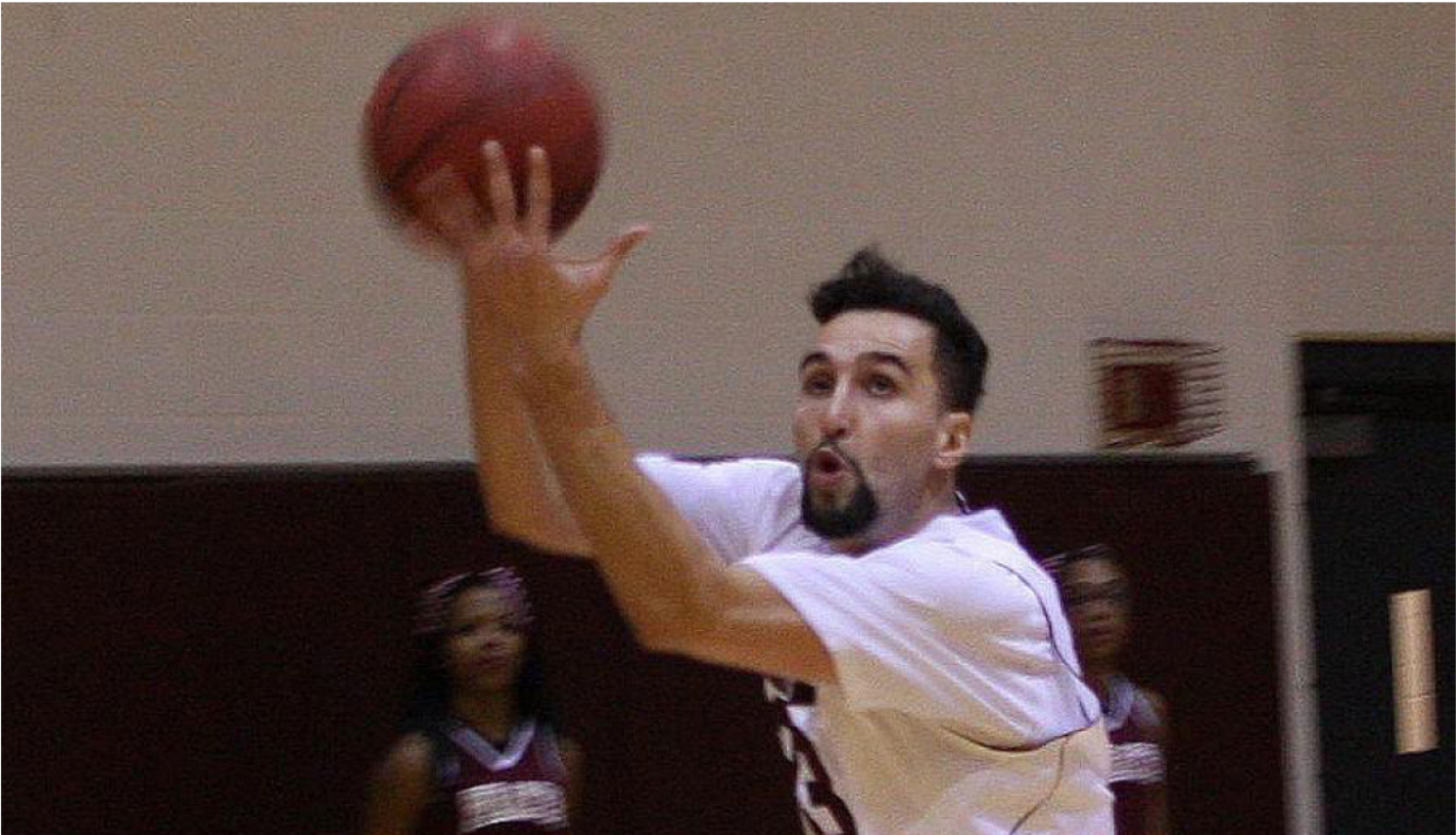
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ARMSTRONG

USC AIKEN

51	Final	1	2	T	72
	ARMSTRONG (7-15; 4-11)	23	28	51	
	USC AIKEN (20-3; 12-1)	32	40	72	





Posted: Feb 08, 2014

AIKEN, S.C. - The No. 17-ranked USC Aiken men's basketball team notched its 20th win of the season with a 72-51 Peach Belt Conference victory over visiting Armstrong Atlantic State University on Saturday evening at the Convocation Center in Aiken, S.C.

The Pacers (20-3, 12-1 PBC) remained in first place in the Peach Belt Conference standings with the win over the Pirates (7-15, 4-11 PBC), who suffered their seventh loss in their last eight contests.

USC Aiken built a double-digit advantage in the game's first six minutes, taking a 19-9 lead. The Pacers would take a nine-point lead into halftime, 32-23.

Armstrong opened the second half on a 8-3 run to cut the lead to four, 35-31, with 16:38 remaining in the contest, but the Pacers would respond with a 13-2 lead over the next three and a half minutes to take a 48-33 lead and cruise to the 21-point victory.

The Pirates hit just 31.6 percent of their shots from the floor (18-of-

GAME LEADERS

ARMSTRONG

Pts: Hichem Benayad-Cherif - 11

Reb: TEAM - 9

Ast: Kyle Callanan - 4

USC AIKEN

Pts: Jesse Seilern - 28

Reb: Paul Larsen - 10

Ast: DeVontae Wright - 4

TEAM STATS

ARMSTRONG

(18-57)

Field Goals

31.6%

Field Goal %

USC AIKEN

(20-52)

38.5%

57), while USC Aiken did not shoot much better at 38.5 percent (20-of-52). The Pacers did hit 23-of-33 free throws on the evening, compared to 10-of-18 free throws for Armstrong.

Senior **Hichem Benayad-Cherif** led the Pirates offensively on the night with 11 points, while junior **Emmanuel Tiluscar** added 10 points and senior **Darius Morales** added nine points.

USC Aiken was led by Jesse Seilern's game-high 28 points on 8-of-12 shooting from the floor, including 6-of-10 three-pointers and 6-of-6 free throws.

Armstrong returns to action on Wednesday, February 12, hosting Lander in a 7:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest at Alumni Arena.

42	Rebounds	37
8	Assists	12
24	Turnovers	18
16	Pts off Turnovers	29
11	2nd Chance Pts	4
22	Pts in the Paint	18
11	Fastbreak Pts	12
13	Bench Pts	13

FULL STATS



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